

While small business is at the heart of our competitive system, it has been increasingly hobbled in recent years by excessive government regulation and taxation. We are currently addressing these problems through our programs for economic recovery. Our goal is to encourage the entrepreneurial spirit and to help usher in a new era of growth for small business. Toward that end, "The State of Small Business: A Report of the President," was sent to the Congress on March 1, 1982. It outlines key recommendations of this Administration.

Historically, small firms have enjoyed a special relationship with their communities. Now they not only will be leaders in the renaissance of their communities but also will be in the forefront of revitalizing the economy and bringing a new sense of direction to the American people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning May 9, 1982, as Small Business Week. I call upon every American to join me in this tribute.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 5th day of April in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and sixth.

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 4924 of April 5, 1982

World Trade Week, 1982

*By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation*

The United States recognizes two of its most important responsibilities—to help restore growth and vitality to the world economy and to assure that all countries participate fully in international development. That is why America is committed to policies of free trade, unrestricted investment and open capital markets.

We also recognize that the international economic system can expand and improve only on a foundation of sound domestic policies in all countries. That is why this Administration is working so diligently to promote the economic well-being of the United States.

A vital interlocking part of our economy is our export activity. Every billion dollars in manufactured exports provides some 32,000 jobs for American workers. Exports account for almost six million U.S. jobs and generate billions of dollars in business for U.S. companies. Small wonder that this year's World Trade Week theme is "exports mean jobs."

For these reasons, the United States remains firmly committed to a liberal world trading system and an active role in future world trade negotiations. In such negotiations, the United States adheres to the principle of reciprocal trade concessions and commitments—a principle embodied in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade that has served the mutual interests of all trading partners.

Government can set the framework for expanded trade, but government cannot make trade flourish. This enormous power lies with private enterprise. When American private citizens act to increase trade, all America will benefit.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning May 16, 1982, as World Trade Week, and I invite the people of the United States to join in ceremonies affirming that trade is essential to our well-being at home and abroad.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 5th. day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and sixth.

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 4925 of April 6, 1982

Parliamentary Emphasis Month, 1982

*By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation*

In this the birth month of Thomas Jefferson, author of the first American manual on parliamentary practice, it is fitting that we reflect upon the importance of parliamentary procedure in the meetings of our private and public organizations. These procedures protect individual rights and majority rule and they assure orderly deliberation.

Ante, p. 65.

The Congress of the United States has, by Senate Joint Resolution 102, authorized and requested the President to designate the month of April, 1982, as Parliamentary Emphasis Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the month of April, 1982, as Parliamentary Emphasis Month and call upon Federal, State, and local government agencies and the people of the United States to observe the month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities, and I urge them to promote democratic processes and efficient organization of meetings through parliamentary practice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 6th day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and sixth.

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 4926 of April 9, 1982

**American Salute to Cabanatuan Prisoner of War
Memorial Day, 1982**

*By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation*

In all of the wars which America has fought, few of our citizens have been called upon to make the sacrifices and endure the hardships of those who